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MOISES CASTILLO/AP

IN SEASON: A greenhouse worker cultivates poinsettias in San Miguel Dueñas, Guatemala, on Monday. Many of these popular flowers are exported to the United States for the holiday season.

S.D.'s Janklow Found Guilty

Will resign from House over conviction for manslaughter

FLANDREAU, S.D. | In a verdict that brings an abrupt end to a three-decade political career, a jury convicted Republican Rep. Bill Janklow of manslaughter Monday for a collision that killed a motorcyclist, rejecting the congressman's claim that he was disoriented by a diabetic reaction.

Janklow announced later Monday that he would resign from the House effective Jan. 20, the day of his sentencing.

The jury in Janklow's boyhood hometown deliberated for about five hours before returning its verdict. Janklow appeared stunned as the verdict was read. He later refused to respond to questions shouted by reporters

Janklow, 64, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, running a stop sign and speeding for the Aug. 16 crash that killed Randy Scott, 55, a farmer from Hardwick, Minn. Prosecutors said Janklow was traveling more than 70 mph when he crashed with Scott's Harley-Davidson.

Janklow could get up to 10 years in prison on the manslaughter charge. CARSON WALKER (AP)

REPAIRS | Globe Guru It's always snowing in the Northfield, Minn., workshop of Dick Heibel, one of the few snow-globe repairmen in the country. Globe owners from Oregon to Vermont send Heibel their prized orbs, hoping he can restore the blizzards-under-glass.



Heibel's got a storehouse of spare parts and knows the tricks of the snow-globe trade. He has special water for refills, and says his stockpile includes a secret glitter formula from Taiwan that floats longer than the usual variety. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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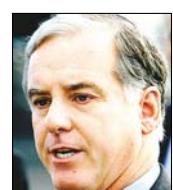
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Dean to Get Gore Support

Key endorsement adds to front-runner's momentum

MANCHESTER, N.H. | Former Vice President Al Gore intends to endorse Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination, a dramatic move that could tighten Dean's grip on the front-runner position.

Gore, who won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote in the disputed 2000 election, has agreed to endorse the former Vermont governor in New York City's Harlem neighborhood on Tuesday, said a source close to Gore. The two men will then travel to Iowa, site of the Jan. 19 caucuses that kick off the nominating process, the source said.



Dean

Dean's campaign declined to comment.

The former vice president is widely popular among key primary voters due in part to the widespread belief among Democratic activists that the 2000 election was taken from him.

Gore's endorsement carries more weight than Dean's labor endorsements, said American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees President Gerald McEntee.

"It goes so far in dispelling this idea that swirls around that Dean would not be a good candidate in the [election]," he said. "If there is anybody ... who wants to beat George Bush again, I think it's Al Gore." RON FOURNIER (AP)

EyeOpeners

LAW

Last Stop

Mistake No. 1: Impersonating a police officer. Mistake No. 2: Making a traffic stop. Mistake No. 3: Stopping an off-duty state trooper. Shalom Gelbman, 22, of New Square, N.Y., made all three mistakes, state police said. Gelbman, with a strobe light on his dashboard and his high beams flashing, pulled a car over last Wednesday on the Palisades Interstate Parkway, police said. Inside the car was state Trooper Seamus Lyons, who arrested Gelbman. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH Shell Shock

Richard Ogust found his calling in Chinatown. There, he met Empress, a black-and-orange diamondback terrapin trapped in a tank at an all-you-can-eat buffet. A decade after Ogust paid \$20 to liberate Empress, his Manhattan loft is filled with 80 species of turtles — more than the Bronx Zoo. The operation costs about \$20,000 a month, so much that Ogust has organized a nonprofit group with

ART

Sketchy Purchase

Billionaire Kirk Kerkorian, who spent two days testifying against DaimlerChrysler AG in Wilmington, Del., last week, has liked the courtroom portraits of himself so much he bought

them. Kerkorian purchased five pastel sketches drawn by Susan Schary, the Detroit News reported Monday. Kerkorian is seeking \$1 billion in damages for money he says his company, Tracinda Corp., lost when Daimler-Benz merged with Chrysler in 1998. (AP)



WHO KNEW? Norma Kramer, 77, of Export, Pa., faces a \$500 fine for allegedly honking her car horn last week to scare a deer, preventing hunters from shooting it. Officials say she broke state law. (AP)

SETH WENIG/STAR-LEDGER/AP



the goal of moving his menagerie to 50 acres on a farm in Tewksbury, N.J. Private donors and grants help, but so far Ogust, who has an inheritance, is footing most of the bill himself. (AP)

AUTOMOTIVE Body Wash

If you're sick of that boring old car wash, you may want to visit a new business outside Memphis, Tenn. It combines one part car wash and one part strip club to bring you topless car care. The Memphis Commercial Appeal reports that the T&A Gentleman's Car Wash, which opened Thursday, employs 10 women who wash cars for \$30 per vehicle, plus tips. City officials say they may take action to keep employees' tops on. (EXPRESS)



MOISES CASTILLO/AP

TRADITIONS

Hell Night

Not only does a ceremony in Guatemala allegedly clear homes of evil spirits, it also provides a good excuse for tidying up a bit. Fires burned throughout the Central American country on Sunday for the "Quema del Diablo," or Burning of the Devil, ceremony. Participants in the celebration make devil figures, fill them with garbage and then burn them to cleanse their houses of evil spirits. The devil pictured here apparently had a few too many. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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UV Index (for solar noon)
2 out of 10, minimal

Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Not available

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Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: Main offender: Not available

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WASHINGTON

Republicans Push \$373B Spending Bill Through House

Republicans pushed a tardy \$373 billion spending package through the House on Monday despite conservative objections that the measure had too many hometown projects and Democratic complaints that it would hurt workers. The 242-176 vote left the bill in the hands of the Senate, where its fate seemed uncertain. The vast bill would finance most of the government's domestic programs for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. (AP)

FORT BENNING, GA.

Preliminary Hearing Held in Guantanamo Chaplain Case

Customs Agent Sean Rafferty testified Monday he found "suspicious" documents related to national security in the backpack of a Muslim chaplain accused of mishandling classified documents from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Army Capt. James Yee, 35, is charged with disobeying an order by taking home classified material from the prison, among other things. The preliminary hearing that began Monday will determine if Yee should be court-martialed. (AP)

PORTLAND, ORE.

Ringleader of Skinhead Group Gets Nearly 3 Years in Prison

The ringleader of a skinhead gang was sentenced to nearly three years in prison Monday for burning crosses at a Jewish cemetery and spray-painting racist graffiti on a Korean church. Brian Hauth, 26, pleaded guilty last summer to civil rights and conspiracy charges. (AP)

HIGHWAY SHOOTINGS | WATCHFUL EYE



HARAZ GHANBARI/THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH/AP

NEW VIEW: Workers install four new security cameras along a stretch of Interstate 270 in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday. Workers plan to place a total of 20 new security cameras on the interstate, which has been plagued by a string of shootings, by the end of the week, according to a state spokesman.



BY THE NUMBERS: Howard Dean has maintained his lead in the early primary state of New Hampshire. A poll by the Pew Research Center puts the former Vermont governor 14 points ahead of Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. (AP)

Talks Break Off In Grocery Strike

LOS ANGELES | Contract talks between grocery companies and picketing workers in Southern California have broken off and no new talks are scheduled, officials said.

About 70,000 grocery clerks went on strike or were locked out Oct. 11 at nearly 860 Ralphs, Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions stores.

The dispute centers on a demand by the stores that workers pay more of their health insurance costs. (AP)

Blood in Car Matches N.D. Student

GRAND FORKS, N.D. | A knife and blood matching Dru Sjodin's type were found in the car belonging to the man accused of kidnapping the University of North Dakota student, a source told The Associated Press on Monday.

The source close to the investigation told the AP about the knife discovery in the car's trunk and confirmed earlier reports about the blood and a knife sheath being found at the mall where Sjodin disappeared.

Sjodin, 22, of Pequot Lakes, Minn., was last heard talking to her boyfriend on a cell phone on Nov. 22 after she left her job at a Victoria's Secret at the Grand Forks mall.

Convicted rapist Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, has been charged with kidnapping Sjodin. Evidence in the case, which was sealed by a judge



Sjodin

after Rodriguez's arrest, should be released on Tuesday, the source said.

Rodriguez's maroon, four-door 2002 Mercury Sable was impounded by authorities before his Dec. 1 arrest in Crookston, Minn.

David Dusek, Rodriguez's public defender, has said that his client said he had nothing to do with Sjodin's disappearance.

Rodriguez faces a hearing Feb. 4 and arraignment on Feb. 6. DAVE KOLPACK AND CURT WOODWARD (AP)

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Bush Signs \$400B Medicare Measure

Move adds prescription drug benefit to program

WASHINGTON | President Bush on Monday signed into law the most far-reaching changes in Medicare in nearly four decades, an overhaul that includes for the first time a prescription-drug benefit for seniors.

Bush said the measure, estimated to cost \$400 billion over the next 10 years, would give older Americans "more control over their health care, so they can receive the modern medical care they deserve."

The new law will carry out the most extensive changes since Medicare's creation in 1965. It adds a prescription drug benefit beginning in 2006. It also encourages insurance companies to offer private plans to

Medicare revamped: A Washington Post poll examines public reaction to the changes | Today's Post, A Section

millions of older Americans who now receive health care benefits under terms fixed by the government.

Leading Democrats have charged this would lead to the destruction of the Medicare program as it was originally designed. SCOTT LIND LAW (AP)

MEDICARE MODIFIED

The changes to the Medicare system enacted Monday include:

→ Allowing private companies to administer the program's new prescription drug benefit.

→ Aiming to speed generic drugs to market by limiting ability of pharmaceutical companies to block cheaper equivalents.

→ Devoting about \$25 billion to increasing payments to rural hospitals and doctors.

Nation

Congress Passes Bill Targeting Spam

President expected to sign measure to reduce unsolicited e-mail

WASHINGTON | Congress on Monday approved the first national effort to stem a flood of unwanted e-mail pitches offering prescription drugs, cheap loans and other come-ons.

President Bush has indicated he intends to sign the measure into law.

Indeed the White House revamped its own e-mail system this summer over a flood of so-called spam.

Clogged inboxes have become a leading irritation among Internet users, an increasing business expense for companies and a popular target for Washington interest before an election year.

The House voted without dissent to approve slight changes Senate lawmakers made to the "can spam" leg-

islation, which would outlaw the shadiest techniques used by the Internet's most prolific e-mailers, who send tens of millions of messages each day.

The bill was among the farthest-reaching Internet measures approved during Bush's term, which has largely continued the Clinton administration's hands-off approach toward regulating America's technology industry. **TED BRIDIS (AP)**

Rosa Parks Lawsuit Allowed to Proceed

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court refused Monday to intervene in a lawsuit over the hit song "Rosa Parks" by the rap group OutKast.

The action, taken without comment from the justices, means the 90-year-old civil rights figure can resume her lawsuit against the band. The 1998 song is about the entertainment industry and its lyrics do not

refer to Parks by name. The chorus of the song goes, "Ah-ha, hush that fuss. Everybody move to the back of the bus."

Parks claimed that OutKast violated her publicity and trademark rights and defamed her. OutKast has argued that the song is not a violation of Parks's publicity rights and is protected by the First Amendment. **(AP)**

HEARSAY | RENEWED

"With everything going on in the world, it's a little bit scary."

—CINDI ANDERSON

A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE IN OKLAHOMA CITY, ON MOVING INTO THE NEW FEDERAL BUILDING THAT OPENED MONDAY. IT REPLACES THE ALFRED P. MURRAH BUILDING DESTROYED BY A BOMB BLAST IN 1995.

POWER STRUGGLE | SCHOOL SLEEPOVER



ROB FOUNTAIN/THE PRESS-REPUBLICAN/AP

ZAPPED: Plattsburgh State University students Tim Sarrantonio, left, and Aileen Weeks unload pillows and blankets, preparing for students to sleep in the college's Angell Center on Monday. A transformer fire earlier in the day knocked out power to the entire Plattsburgh, N.Y., campus.



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In Brief

IRAN

Western Tourists Kidnapped In Southeastern Province

Three Western tourists — two from Germany and one from Ireland — were kidnapped Monday in southeastern Iran, a top Iranian police official said. Col. Mahdi Ahmadi didn't identify the tourists but said they were kidnapped in Sistan-Baluchestan Province, close to Iran's border with Pakistan, which is known as a major drug smuggling route. (AP)

NIGERIA

Court Orders Exxon Mobil To Pay \$10M in Damages

A Nigerian court ordered oil giant Exxon Mobil Corp. to pay \$9.6 million in damages to three southern Nigeria communities for a pipeline spill, officials said Monday. The local subsidiary of the Irving, Texas-based company said it would appeal the decision. The Niger Delta villages are near the site of the January 1998 pipeline rupture that spilled between 40,000 and 100,000 barrels of crude into the region's river and marshlands. (AP)

MIDEAST

U.N. General Assembly Sends Barrier Dispute to The Hague

The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution Monday asking the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, to issue an advisory opinion on the legal consequences of Israel's construction of a controversial barrier. Palestinians say the barrier's planned route, which cuts deep into West Bank land they claim for a future state, amounts to an Israeli land grab; Israel says it is needed to keep out suicide bombers. (AP)

CANADA

1 Killed as Historic Theater Collapses During Demolition

A Toronto theater being demolished partly collapsed onto a school Monday, killing one man, trapping at least one other person and injuring more than a dozen people. Workers had been tearing down the historic Uptown Theater when it crumbled. One man was pronounced dead at the scene and 14 other people were taken to hospitals, including two children with crushed legs, a hospital official said. (AP)

Russian Elections Labeled 'Unfair'

White House echoes complaints about parliamentary vote

MOSCOW | The White House expressed concern Monday over the fairness of Sunday's parliamentary elections in Russia, which human rights officials said marked a retreat from democracy in the country.

A sweeping victory by President Vladimir Putin's allies pushed liberal, Western-oriented parties out of parliament for the first time since the Soviet collapse. The main pro-Kremlin party, United Russia, won nearly three times as many votes as its closest rival, results indicated.

"Our main impression of the overall electoral process was ... one of regression in the democratization of this country," said Bruce George, head of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe.

George said the "extensive use of the state apparatus and the media ... to the benefit of United Russia created an unfair environment."

In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the United States shares the OSCE's concerns about the fairness of the election campaign. STEVE GUTTERMAN (AP)

Bygones? The elections brought near the demise of Russia's Western-oriented parties | Today's Post: Section A



A merchant in Moscow adjusts the television sets in his shop so that they all display the broadcast of President Vladimir Putin's address to Russia's cabinet on Monday.

Insurgents in Iraq Kill Police Officer, Soldier

S. Korean company pulls employees after 2 workers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Insurgents shot and killed a U.S. soldier guarding a gas station Monday in northern Iraq, and an Iraqi police officer died trying to defuse a bomb, the U.S. military said.

The attack on the soldier took place in Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said in Baghdad. The Iraqi police

officer died trying to defuse a bomb near the government building in Baqouba, 35 miles north of Baghdad, Kimmitt said.

In other developments, a South Korean company said it would withdraw its 60 workers from a power line project in Iraq because insurgents killed two of its engineers. Omu Electric Co. has been building transmission towers in the north of the country since October. (AP)

Waiting: Despite vast underground oil reserves, Iraq is starved of petroleum products. Lines for gasoline have grown to unimaginable lengths | Today's Post: Section A

ITALY | FESTIVITIES



PLINIO LEONI/AP

ADORMENT: Firefighters salute the statue of the Virgin Mary in Rome on Monday as Catholics worldwide celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

U.S. Launches Huge Afghan Offensive

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | The U.S. military launched its largest post-war offensive against Taliban and al Qaeda insurgents Monday, sending 2,000 soldiers into a lawless swath of southern and eastern Afghanistan to put down a wave of attacks.

The operation began as Afghan and U.N. officials warned that one of the military's most tragic blunders — the killing of nine children in an airstrike — could drive more Afghans into the arms of the rebels.

"Every innocent who is killed has brothers, uncles, sisters and nephews — and behind them, the tribe," said Sadokhan Ambarkhil, deputy governor of Paktika, one of the most dangerous provinces for coalition troops and their Afghan allies. "If 10 people are killed, how many people are saddened?"

U.S. officials insist they had prepared the attack carefully and were unaware of the children when the order to fire was given. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Four indicted war-crimes suspects — including former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who is now imprisoned in The Hague — have indicated they will run in Serbia's parliamentary elections this month.

N. Koreans To Review New Offer

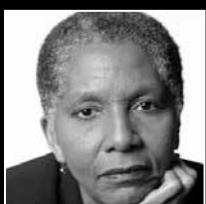
U.S.-backed proposal urges 'coordinated' steps

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | A U.S.-backed proposal to end the North Korean nuclear crisis calls for "coordinated steps" to dismantle Pyongyang's atomic weapons program, an official said Monday.

The plan, which differs with North Korea's call for "simultaneous action," was being sent to Chinese diplomats in Beijing to be forwarded to the North Korean government. If accepted, the proposal could lead to a new round of talks.

The United States, China, Russia, Japan and the two Koreas have been trying for weeks to jump-start a second round of six-way talks on easing tensions. A first round of negotiations in Beijing ended in August without much progress.

The sides have been split over U.S. security guarantees and how to verify whether North Korea has truly abandoned its nuclear ambitions. The North wants Washington to issue the assurances simultaneously with a Northern renunciation of its nuclear weapons program, while the United States wants the North to move first. HANS GREIMEL (AP)



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INTEREST RATES

Federal Reserve Expected To Maintain Interest Rates

The Federal Reserve, finally starting to see the hoped-for rebound in the economy, still is expected to leave interest rates unchanged tomorrow at its last meeting of the year, allowing consumers and businesses to enjoy the lowest rates in decades into the new year. The federal funds rate has been at a 45-year low of 1 percent since June. (AP)

LITIGATION

Indictment Stands Against Former WorldCom Exec

A federal judge refused Monday to toss out an indictment against Scott Sullivan that accuses the former WorldCom Inc. executive of lying on financial statements to secure more than \$4 billion in credit for the company in 2001, just one year before it declared bankruptcy. Sullivan faces trial Feb. 2 in New York. (AP)

PROFITS

China's Video Game Makers To See \$250 Million Boon

China's Internet game makers are expected to make \$250 million this year, earning respectability for an industry once "despised and scorned," the Xinhua News Agency said Monday. Companies are riding the surging popularity of online games among 40 million of China's 78 million Internet users. Its games produce another \$1.4 billion for telecoms and other industries. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AK Steel	3.93	+.60	+18.0
OreStl	3.70	+.56	+17.8
FalconPd	4.98	+.70	+16.4
ClvClf	46.04	+.641	+16.2
MeridRes	5.36	+.55	+11.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HltMgt	23.12	-2.89	-11.1
HuttingBld	2.35	-.22	-8.6
Avon	62.67	-.540	-7.9
Lubys	3.37	-.26	-7.2
Off cemax	9.30	-.69	-6.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.90	0.90
2-year	1.90	2.09
10-year	4.27	4.39
30-year	5.11	5.15

Nurses Put Their Time on the Block

Online 'shift' bidding helps hospitals relieve nursing shortages

ALBANY, N.Y. | Registered nurse Julie Hill picks her own hours and pay by bidding on work shifts over the Internet — a kind of employment eBay that some hospitals are using to ease a growing nursing shortage.

Hill, who works with heart patients at St. Peter's Hospital, always bids on the early shift so she can take her 11-year-old autistic son to therapy in the afternoon. Her asking price is \$30 an hour and she has yet to be rejected.

Shift bidding is among the newest tools hospitals are using to attract nurses. Since 2001, St. Peter's has filled more than 127,000 hours



Nurse Julie Hill earns top dollar and the best hours through online bidding.

and saved more than \$1.7 million through online bidding. Its overall nurse vacancy rate dropped from 11 percent to 5 percent.

Other hospitals have followed suit, with similar results.

More than 30 states are grappling with a shortage estimated at 136,000 nurses. ALICIA CHANG (AP)

Ad Spending Predicted to Grow in '04

NEW YORK | Two leading forecasters predicted further increases in advertising spending for next year, thanks mainly to a combination of continued economic growth, the summer Olympics and the U.S. presidential election.

Speaking at an annual investors conference Monday, Robert Coen of Universal McCann and John Perriss of Zenith Optimedia both issued

upbeat forecasts for 2004.

Coen said more growth would be seen in national versus local advertising due to factors such as the upcoming presidential election and the Olympics.

Continued expansion in consumer spending is an encouraging sign for advertisers, Perriss said, but he noted that high levels of consumer debt may limit the potential gains. (AP)

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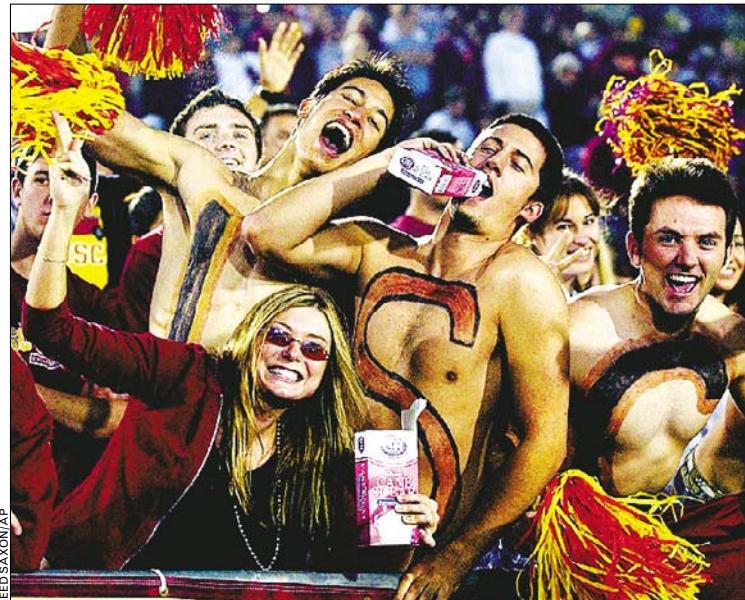
No Change in Sight for BCS

Cries grow louder for a playoff system to be used in college football

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | What if the winner of the Rose Bowl could play the winner of the Sugar Bowl a week after those big games? Oklahoma vs. Southern California would be a dandy. So would LSU vs. USC.

A one-game playoff is one of a handful of solutions that have floated in an attempt to crown a true champion out of the college bowl system. The system that gives us No. 1 USC vs. No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl and No. 2 LSU vs. No. 3 Oklahoma in the supposed title game, the Sugar Bowl, is in place for at least two more seasons.

Some tweaking is in order. But wholesale changes almost certainly aren't. One expert believes something close to the status quo will be used even when the current contract is up. "The overwhelming majority want to keep the bowl system



NOT SO FAST: USC fans had dreams of the Sugar Bowl after Saturday's win.

in some form," said Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association.

The most likely change would involve adding a championship game after bowl season.

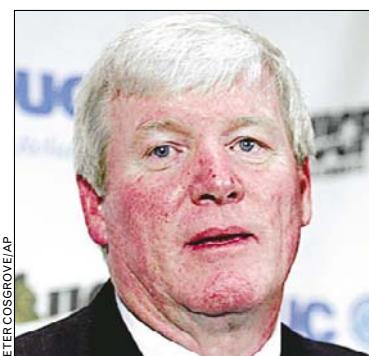
A more radical change would be a 16-team tournament. Proponents say it makes sense to decide a champion the same way as most major sports do. Critics claim a playoff would gut the bowl system. EDDIE PELLS (AP)

O'Leary Makes Return to College

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | George O'Leary was hired Monday to coach Central Florida, giving him another chance in college football two years after Notre Dame forced him to resign because he lied on his resume.

O'Leary, the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator for the past two seasons, had lied about earning a master's degree and receiving three letters playing football at New Hampshire. He resigned less than a week after Notre Dame hired him in 2001.

Central Florida president John



George O'Leary fields questions during Monday's announcement.

Hitt said a thorough background check was done on O'Leary, and he was confident he made the right decision in hiring him. (AP)

NEW NO. 1: Florida moved into the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday. The Gators (5-0) moved up one spot to replace Kansas, which lost 64-58 to Stanford on Saturday. (AP)

In Brief

OLYMPICS

U.S. Athletes May Not Wear Red, White and Blue at Games

As a precaution, United States track and field athletes at the 2004 Athens Olympics might be discouraged from wearing red, white and blue or anything with "USA" when they are not competing. "For secu-

rity reasons, if that's the way they want to go, that's what we'll do," said United States men's athletics coach George Williams. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Sources: Free Agent Colon Will Sign With the Angels

Bartolo Colon was close to an agreement with the Anaheim Angels, The Associated Press learned Monday. While neither Colon nor the Angels

discussed the talks Monday, both Anaheim and the Chicago White Sox believed the right-hander was on the verge of a deal with Anaheim, said the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. (AP)

GOLF

Woods Voted PGA's Best For Fifth Consecutive Year

A wild season in golf came to a familiar conclusion Monday when Tiger

Ramsey Is Shut Down For Season

Redskins quarterback will have surgery on fractured right foot

PRO FOOTBALL | Patrick Ramsey is done for the season.

The Washington Redskins quarterback said Monday he will have surgery on his troublesome right foot within the next two weeks. He was placed on injured reserve, prematurely ending his first year as an NFL starter.

"We just really felt like it wasn't going to get better by the end of the season," Ramsey said after meeting with a team doctor.

Ramsey has been bothered by the flareup of an old fracture on the right edge of his foot.

The injury's origins are unknown, but it first became a problem during training camp and was aggravated in the last few weeks.

With Ramsey out, midseason pickup Tim Hasselbeck will start the remaining three games. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

Chat House

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Washington Post columnists **MICHAEL WILBON** and **TONY KORNHEISER** discuss sports every Monday at 1:30 p.m. on washingtonpost.com.

I guess I'm just an old goober, but what I hate about the BCS is that it's taken most of the fun out of New Year's Day. Jan. I used to be the greatest football day of the year, but now it's kind of pointless. Either have a tournament of the major bowl winners or go back to the Good Old Days. The BCS is the worst of both worlds.

TONY: That's how I used to feel. I used to feel that the Bowl Games were great because there wasn't an automatic national champion, so you could watch them all and argue. Now, the only argument is about which teams were left out. I don't like this system. So, like you I am just an old goober.

I keep hearing that it's highly improbable, but mathematically possible, that the Redskins can fill a wild card slot for the playoffs. At this point, what would need to happen for this to happen?

MIKE: The moon would have to be in the 7th house, and Jupiter would have to be aligned with Mars. Seriously, the Redskins have to win their final three games and the Cowboys would have to lose their final three and maybe New Orleans... seriously, don't start this conversation.

Some people say Wizards forward Kwame Brown is the biggest bust ever in D.C. I'd think Chamique Holdsclaw (the female "Michael Jordan") has got to be D.C.'s biggest bust. She was drafted No. 1, got #23 and won three national titles in college, but has been hurt these past few years and the Mystics are near the bottom every year.

TONY: Chamique Holdsclaw is a TOTAL stiff. She is hurt ALL the time and when she is not hurt, she can't carry her team to a victory. Kwame Brown appears to be a total stiff, as well. But Wilbon didn't want Kwame Brown and he did say Chamique would own this town.

MIKE: No, I didn't.

Today's TV Lineup

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Wizards, still without Jerry Stackhouse and Gilbert Arenas, visit the Indiana Pacers.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Illinois and Providence play in the first game of the Jimmy V Classic in New York.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on

ESPN) Look for a high scoring game between Arizona and Texas in the Jimmy V Classic.

POKER (9 p.m. on Bravo) The cast of "The West Wing" see who's the most stately poker player.

RODEO (Midnight on ESPN2) Same-day coverage of the Wrangler National Finals' fifth round.

Woods was voted PGA Tour Player of the Year for the fifth straight time. The world's No. 1 player narrowly beat out Vijay Singh. No one else has won the award more than twice since it began in 1990. Woods did not win a major for the first time since 1998, but had five tournament victories. (AP)

On the road: The Washington Capitals play the Colorado Avalanche | washingtonpost.com/sports

Health & Fitness

Easing the Pain

THE FLU | As the winter cold and flu season approaches, new remedies and spins on old favorites promise comfort and convenience.

Robitussin has found a new way to make its medicine go down easier. CoughGels — soft capsules taken without water — are said to tame coughs for up to eight hours.

Kiss My Face, an organic beauty company, has just introduced a line of flu products, including Cold & Flu Room Spray (\$9) and Cold & Flu Bath Gel (\$9) with essential oils of eucalyptus and fennel.

In January, Bath & Body Works plans to add aromatherapy remedies like a eucalyptus chest rub to comfort cold and flu sufferers.

For a natural healing approach, naturopath Paul Faust of Towson, Md., recommends elderberry elixirs. He said the berries contain a substance that appears to inhibit the influenza virus. Ricola now makes Vitamin C drops with elderberry extract.

At Gaiam, a natural-care prod-



Get your flu shot or it's going to be elderberry elixir for you, young miss.

ucts company, customers are buying new eucalyptus Naturopatches. The small discs, imbued with essential oils, adhere to the skin to relieve coughs and colds.

According to Gaiam's Trish Feeney, sales of neti pots, which look like mini-Aladdin's lamps and are used to irrigate sinuses, have skyrocketed and are among the company's best sellers. Today's yoga set is clamoring for them, Feeney said.

ERIKA HOBBS (BALTIMORE SUN/LATWP)

Vro-om: "Better Sex Through Yoga," a video, is reviewed today in The Washington Post, Health section.

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Entertainment

A Kick for the Shins

What's it feel like to be rock's next big thing? To the Shins, like normal

PERSONALITY | The Shins are the kind of band that has no business having a career, at least not now. Their music is built on soft-cornered melodies, weird chord changes and a shimmery ambiguity that hardly fit with the crisp, direct, sharp-edged sound of the so-called garage-rock-revival.

But here they are, newly crowned rock 'n' roll royalty.

Lead singer, songwriter and guitarist James Mercer, 32, conceded that the Portland, Ore.-based Shins have little to do with the now-reigning garage-rock sound. "They're rock 'n' roll songs with a melodic line and a good beat," he said, sipping a beer. "What kids have liked since the early '50s."

This band was formed in Albuquerque, N.M., though Mercer



MELANCHOLY BABY: The dark Shins aren't your little brother's garage-rock band.

— the son of an Air Force colonel — grew up mostly in Germany and England. In high school near London, he was turned on by the Smiths, the Jesus and Mary Chain

and My Bloody Valentine.

"There's a certain weird melancholy to the melodies that I've always enjoyed," he says of English music. "I read in ... one of the roman-

tic poets that long ago they believed that the gall bladder created melancholy — and that only the British had that organ."

His own songs are full of visual imagery that is arresting and at times overwrought: grass growing from bedsheets, ice cubes melting in the ocean, and a girl who looks "like a knife wearing tennis shorts."

"I spent days and days in country-western bars with my dad," he said, referring to imitation honky-tonks in Germany that offered wet T-shirt contests and pits where visitors could grill their own steaks.

But he takes country in his own direction. With its pedal-steel guitar, "Gone for Good" is the most musically traditional song on the album. But the lyrics sound more at home in a physics lab than a Merle Haggard song.

Mercer admits that there are limits to what rationality can do. "Math is a very good way to describe music — but the roots of music are unknown to man." SCOTT TIMBERG (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Top Stops

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King of Pop: Warhol's Factory

Andy Warhol's myth looms as large as it was when he was alive. Part of the reason for the continued fascination with the pop artist is the Factory, the art-generating safe house/nightclub/crash pad he populated with outrageous "superstars." Historian and filmmaker Steven Watson presents "An Insider's Look at Warhol and the Silver Factory," with archival clips, interviews and Watson's own take on the '60s avant-gardians.

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FORMER MODEL, 27, 5'10", 125lbs, African-American female, seeking male, 35-50, for friendship, fun and travel. **2772154**

SW TEACHER, 34, is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **2753605**

SECURE, FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT SWF, 33, dedicated to self, good person with a good heart. Seeking affectionate, smart, funny SWM, 28-40, likes pets, companionship first, more. **2761020**

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SF, 20, 5'4", 140lbs, black/brown, likes working out, reading, travel, sports, music. Seeking SHM, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **2641792**

SBF, 31, FAIR-SKINNED, feminine, full-figured, with great sense of humor, varied interests. Seeks SPM, 30-40, for friendship, laughs, intelligent conversation, possible LTR. **2636668**

SWF, 33, ATTORNEY, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog **2889833**

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SBF, 37, WARM, friendly, laid-back, good listener, mother of one, enjoys reading, writing, dancing, singing, good conversation, seeking similar SWM, 40-57, friends first. **2830445**

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks SWM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated, with no children, for LTR. **2842998**

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BF, 35, TWO CHILDREN, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **287069**

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LOVELY BCPF, MID-30S, 5'8", shapely, beautiful inside and out, classy, unpretentious, enjoys jazz, horseback riding, champagne, bubble baths, travel, romance. ISO tall, romantic BCPM, 34-48. **2807503**

ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF, 35, seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **2807562**

SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", 130lbs, brown complexion, burgundy hair, RN, three children, enjoys movies, dining, quiet times, seeks woman, 29-50, for conversation, sharing special moments. **2802729**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an uncoincided, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **2804441**

TALL, INDEPENDENT SWPF, 37, enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **2776826**

SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **2817390**

AFRICAN LADY, SBF, 32, 5'9", looking for SM, 40+, race open, for long-term relationship. No games please. **2810855**

INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBF, 37, seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **2824806**

DBF, 38, 5'5", 120lbs, enjoys walks, reading, traveling, music, the beach. Seeking honest, sincere man, for friendship first. **2840790**

CUTE, PRETTY, SHAPELY SBF mom, 34, light complexion, seeks handsome, honest, caring, sincere SBFPM, 35-45. **2949817**

SBF, 33, CANCER, N/S, seeks BM, 25-40, N/S, for dating/LTR. **2841357**

SWF, 32, 5'11", Leo, has Cerebral Palsy, petite, blue-eyed, regular Irish female, looking for an understanding, laid-back SWM, 26-36, for casual dating, friendship. **2793612**

22-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SBF/WM, 27-35, with similar interests, for companionship. **2771602**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **2840310**

BLOND, OUTGOING SWPF, 37, 5'6", athletic, outdoors, attractive. Seeking SPM, 35-55, with similar interest. For friend first possible LTR. **2830510**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27, Arias, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **2827939**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys art, playing piano, traveling, trying new things. Seeking handsome, tall, kind, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, for LTR. **2823814**

LAUGH WITH ME! In search of HM, 28, who is willing to give life, love and happiness a chance. **2843392**

ATTRACTIVE, HONEST, HEALTHY, independent, hard-working, intelligent, family-oriented, spiritual SBF, 36, enjoys tennis, football, basketball, boxing, plays, traveling, cruises. Seeking SBF, 31-41, 5'10"+, N/S, friends first. **2853617**

SBF, 30, ENJOYS FOOTBALL games, baseball and hockey, beaches, mountains, hiking, fishing, outdoors, picnics, sunsets, holding hands. Seeking SWM, 28-40. **2824427**

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE SBF, 26, 5'1", enjoys dinners, movies, trying new things. Seeking open, honest, monogamous, ambitious, attractive SBF/HM, 25-32, 5'11"-5'4", friends first. **2824907**

SWF, 38, 5'8", Catholic, enjoys biking, beach, hiking, dining out and dancing. Seeking SWM, 35-48, N/S, for friendship and possible LTR. **2827706**

SBF, 39, PISCES, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **2807432**

VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6', enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBF, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **2851337**

OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **2866109**

24-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'6", 120lbs, medium complexion and a great personality. Looking for a S/DM 26-55. I travel often but would like someone I could enjoy my free time with. **2860047**

ATTRACTIVE SBF, MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **2893133**

EDUCATED, WORKING, 22-32, tall, 5'2"+, dark SWM sought, must enjoy dancing, good communication. **2853471**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN, SBF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBFPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **2844991**

SWCF, 35, ENJOYS conversation, sight seeing, hiking sports. Seeking SWCM, 31-45, for dating, possible LTR. **2828043**

CUTEY PIE, SBF, 26, 5'11", with a caramel complexion and light eyes, wants to meet a man who appreciates a shapely woman. **2817959**

SBF, 31, CAPRICORN, N/S, loves swimming, horseback riding, golf. Seeking BM, 23-36, for dating. What are your pastimes? **2854061**

ATTRACTIVE, ARTISTIC, INTELLIGENT SBF, 22, enjoys intelligent conversation, laughter, dancing, sports, good company and more. Seeking intelligent, humorous, caring SWM, 22-35, friendship, maybe more. **2859146**

NUBIAN PRINCESS, SBFPM, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBFPM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **2876234**

SBF, 23, ARIES, N/S, mother, loves going out to eat, and just being herself. seeks man, 26-35, for dating. **2853347**

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ON TV TONIGHT

APPARENTLY, YOU GOT ONE
I WANT A DOG FOR CHRISTMAS, CHARLIE BROWN (8 p.m., ABC) Two networks square off with Christmas specials old and new. ABC tempts fate with a brand-new Peanuts holiday offering. "Dog" spotlights some of the comic strip's lesser characters, notably ReRun, the skeptical younger brother of Linus and Lucy, as well as Spike, Snoopy's desert-dwelling canine sibling. No review copy of "Dog" was available.



"My blank eyes and jerky walk scared your folks when they were your age!"

BRUGHT TO YOU BY SUDAFED
RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER (8 p.m., CBS) CBS, the network that used to air "Peanuts" specials, sticks to the tried-and-true with the 1964 animated musical.

This digitally re-mastered version features songs like "Holly Jolly Christmas," "We Are Santa's Elves," "We're a Couple of Misfits," "Jingle Jingle Jingle" and "The Most Wonderful Day of the Year."

I always related to Hermy, the dentist-wannabe elf, when he sang, "You can't fire me I quit! Since I don't

fit in!" But then again, I worked in several offices that resembled the Island of Misfit Toys.

SAY IT AIN'T SO, ANIMAL PLANET
THE LITTLEST REINDEER (8 p.m., Animal Planet) Speaking of misfits, the live-action fantasy blends nature footage with the North Pole legend in a tale about Aurora, a runt of a reindeer who braves a blizzard to pull Santa's sleigh.

NOT GONNA FLY NOW
THE WRIGHT CHALLENGE (9 p.m., History) follows four teams of amateurs as they use 1903 technology to build flying machines. The teams progress from

backyard efforts to all-consuming obsessions. And once their contraptions do leave the ground, they come down, hard and fast. Volunteer pilot and Air Force Capt. Jim Alexander admits, "I have more trepidation flying this than I did about flying in Afghanistan."

CULT CHOICE
HUD (8 p.m., AMC) Paul Newman plays the biggest heel in the history of Western movies in this 1964 drama. Oscars went to Patricia Neal, Melvin Douglas and cinematographer James Wong Howe. Filmed in glorious black and white. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (1:00) 3:20 9:45



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MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (1:00) 4:30 8:00

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4849 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W.
M TENLEYTOWN / AU 202-244-3117

STATION AGENT (R) (2:00) 4:30 7:15 9:30
 LOST IN TRANSLATION (R) (1:45) 4:15 7:00 9:15



2772 SOUTH RANDOLPH
703-671-0978

21 GRAMS (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:50) 4:30 7:20 10:00
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 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (1:45) 4:15 6:40 9:40
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 ★ TIMELINE (PG-13) (1:00) 4:00 6:50 9:20



2301 M STREET, N.W.
M FOGGY BOTTOM 202-972-9556

THE HUMAN STAIN (R) (4:30) 7:15 9:30
 DIE, MOMMIE, DIE! (R) (4:40) 9:40
 RUNAWAY JURY (PG-13) 7:10
 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (Open Captioned) (4:45) 7:00 9:20



8065 LEESBURG PIKE
703-506-9857

THE MISSING (R) (12:00) 3:10 6:20 9:20
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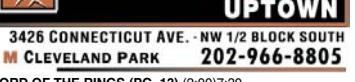
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 MATRIX REVOLUTIONS (R) (10:40)



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M CLEVELAND PARK 202-966-8805

LORD OF THE RINGS (PG-13) (2:00) 7:30

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WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN WHY

"... He's not the Hulk I remember, he's King Kong on nuclear bananas ...

... I could go on and on ... but who has that much time on earth? ...

... Those pounding hooves might as well be going: metaphor metaphor metaphor metaphor ...

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Just Jake:
Tall Tales at Improv

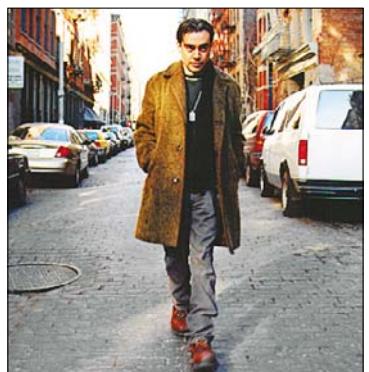
2 Jake Johannsen tells stories — funny, crazy, bizarre stories that seem just freaky enough to be true. You don't have to believe the comedian/racconteur, but you do have to listen to the guy to hear some weird shaggy-dog stories. Through Dec. 14.

Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; tonight at 8:30 p.m., \$15; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)

Nostalgic for the '90s:
Rock for Dummies

3 The name was funny for, like, 15 minutes in the '90s, but Crash Test Dummies made that 15 minutes count, with a quirky Zen-pop college-radio hit ("Mmm, Mmm, Mmm, Mmm") and a flair for catching the sound of the Zeitgeist, however fleeting.

Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, 8:30 p.m., \$20; 703-522-8340. (Court House)



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Good cheer and life
lessons in black and
white for the holidays

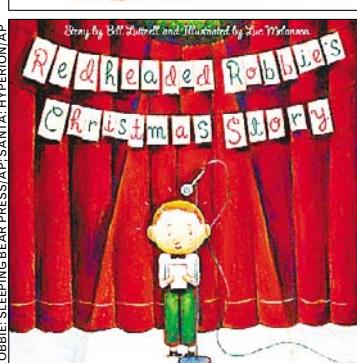
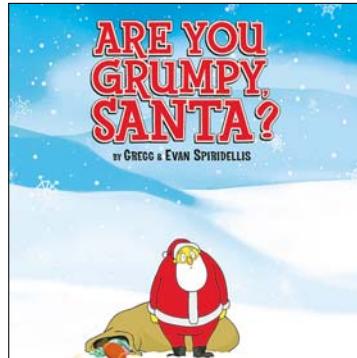
HOLIDAY BOOKS | Advertisers make sure that everyone understands the "season of giving" during the holidays, but this year's crop of Christmas books looks to help kids understand the kind of giving that can't be measured in dollars.

'TIS THE SEASON (Chronicle Books, all ages) aims to be a family keepsake, with a collection of timeless essays and stories such as "Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus," "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and excerpts from Dylan Thomas's "A Child's Christmas in Wales." Illustrations from the late 19th and early 20th century give the book a vintage feel.

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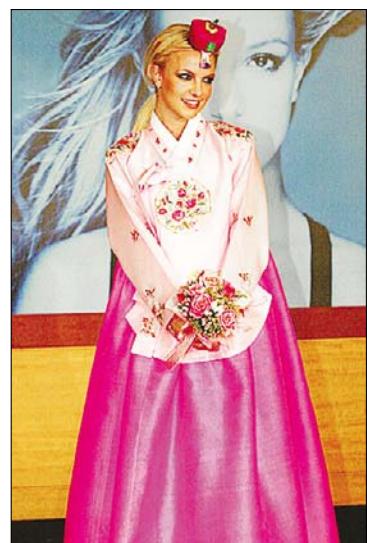
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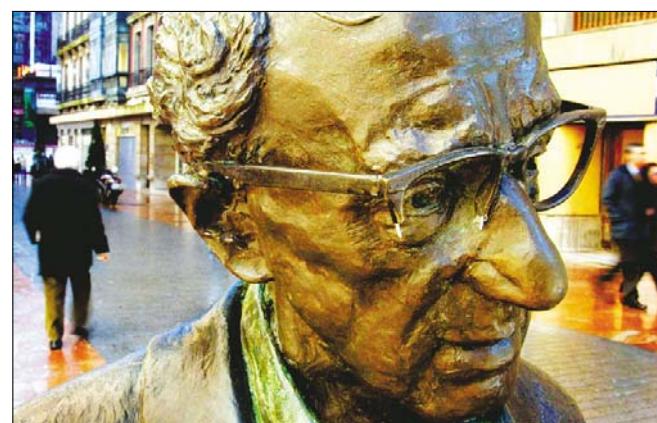
LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Britney experiences a truly foreign sort of clothing in South Korea: loose-fitting.

STATE VISITS

Fuschia Is the New Lime

BRITNEY SPEARS visited Seoul, South Korea, on Monday, the first stop in an Asian tour promoting her new CD, "In the Zone." She briefly posed for the cameras wearing a pink Hanbok, a traditional Korean dress. (AP)



ALBERTO MORANTE/AP

THREATS

It's Just a Song

The Drudge Report Web site printed lyrics Friday from a tape it had obtained featuring **EMINEM** performing such lines as "I don't rap for dead presidents. I'd rather see the president dead." No president is named. A spokesman for Interscope Records, Eminem's



label, said: "This is an unfinished song that was either lost or stolen, and there was no determination when, where, how or if it was going to be used." (AP)

AUCTIONS

Ehrlich's eBay Adventure

Maryland's Ehrlich administration is turning to eBay to unload the Maryland Independence, a yacht built in 1944. A spokesperson for

TRUTHS

Why Woody?

It's a law of (human) nature: A nerd and his glasses are soon parted. This statue of **WOODY ALLEN** wasn't safe even in Spain. The statue's right spectacle frame was damaged in the northern university city of Oviedo on Sunday. The bust had recently been restored after a similar act of vandalism. (EXPRESS)



STEPHEN HIRD/AP

Ozzy Osbourne broke his collarbone and six ribs in an accident on Monday.

TROUBLES

Ozzy Gravely Injured

OZZY OSBOURNE was seriously hurt Monday in an accident on the grounds of his estate in England and underwent emergency surgery, a spokeswoman said. The 55-year-old rock star was riding a "quad bike," or all-terrain vehicle, on his Buckinghamshire property when the accident occurred. His injuries were not considered to be life-threatening, she said. Osbourne broke his collarbone, six ribs and a vertebra in his neck. (AP)

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN RESPONSE to Nichole Brown's letter (Dec. 5), I am angered by the continued atmosphere of fear in the aftermath of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. In her letter, Ms. Brown contributes to this fear by requesting metal detectors at Metro stations. Not only would this create significant impediments to moving people in and out of the Metro system quickly and efficiently, it also would bring America one step closer to becoming a police state, with privacy and personal freedom lost for the sake of a false sense of security.

—KELISA KEHNE-CLIFF
Alexandria, Va.

I TRULY HOPE THE BAN on smoking in D.C. passes ("Council Considers D.C. Smoking Ban," Dec. 4). Have District businesses ever considered the money they lose from patrons who choose not to go to bars, clubs and pool halls because they don't want to come home smelling like an ashtray? And what about the employees? If word got out that employees at other businesses were exposed to deadly toxic fumes, there would be an outcry. Yet business owners and legislators continue to bow to the dollar sign at the expense of public health.

—KENDRA HILL
Germantown, Md.

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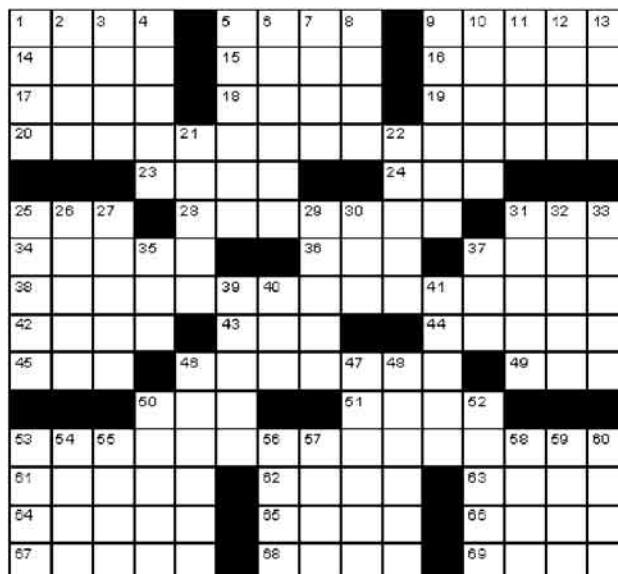
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Fair Game | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1 Cherrystone, e.g.
5 "Dies ___"
9 Sudden jerk
14 General feel
15 Honeycomb component
16 Purplish gray
17 Strike violently
18 Pedestal figure
19 De Mille of dance
20 Renaissance fair highlight
23 Go up alone
24 Part of a royal flush
25 Deny use
28 Seasoned type
31 Begets
34 Took wing
36 "QB ___" (Uris novel)
37 Kitchen glove
38 County fair event
42 Be an eager beaver?
43 Diddly
44 Flawless concept
45 Corrida trophy
46 By the shore
49 Jeanne d'Arc's title (Abbr.)
50 Christmas tree
51 Loses buoyancy
53 Science fair feature
61 Notify of danger
62 Skater's attire, at times



63 Having the necessary skill
64 Christmas wish, for many
65 Hermit, for one
66 Kind of mate
67 Copier cartridge
68 Dog caller's word
69 Vulnerable spot for Achilles

DOWN

1 Way to pay
2 "To Sir, With Love" singer
3 Saroyan's "My Name is ___"
4 Half of a '60s rock foursome
5 Really cold drip
6 Boiling mad

7 Skin-soothing ingredient
8 Connecting pipes
9 Pollen producer
10 Missionary's target, perhaps
11 Bee or Polly
12 On ___ (without commitment)
13 Entwine

21 Atypical
22 Wood finish
25 Emblem of merit
26 Playoff setting, perhaps
27 Boston's Garciaparra
29 Malicious forces
30 Brazilian city, familiarly
31 Takes on help
32 Up, to Barry Bonds
33 Mode
35 Sty matriarch
37 School type (Abbr.)
39 Without energy
40 11 Down, in Acapulco
41 Mexican artist Rivera
46 Parental employee
47 Beatty/Hoffman movie
48 European river
50 More than persuasion
52 Cut drastically
53 Awestruck
54 Low-cholesterol spread
55 Coffee unit
56 Make an impression?
57 Treat meat
58 Long, thin musical instrument
59 Collagist's need
60 "Gimme a Cl!" e.g.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Though you may have no personal knowledge of past events that are affecting you, you can make things easier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may want to take a little time to get back to the basics and get in touch with your center before things really get rolling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Be neither unpleasant nor odd — nor go out of your way to go unnoticed. Just be yourself, act normally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Charm isn't everything — but it will certainly serve you well in the right situations. Take care you don't get aggressive after dark.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Now is no time to play jokes and spring traps on those who have their minds on personal troubles. Your humor may not be appreciated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There is no reason for you to think that you're about to fall victim to a common threat; you have what it takes to steer clear — with ease.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This should prove a day that lives in your memory for some time — if not for what you do, then for what you fail to do. Pay attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are anxious to see that your version of things turns out to be the most accurate. Indeed, you're certainly on the right track.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A family member is eager for you to be pleased and proud. You will have reason to be so. Show your approval openly and freely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — One of your secret admirers isn't likely to be secret for very long. You'll discover that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Someone will give you a head start. You'll have the opportunity to show your gratitude in no uncertain terms very soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Speculation must not lead you down a corridor of falsehood; take care that you're dealing with the facts, and avoid believing in fiction.

LIVE ONLINE

Politics

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

JAMES W. PINDELL, PoliticsNH.com managing editor and political reporter, was online Monday to discuss next month's primary in New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire primary is always discussed in the context of its influence and potential to predict who will be a party's presidential nominee. Is there any evidence that it might also indicate which party's final nominee might win the presidential election?

The truth is that Iowa and New Hampshire really do more to winnow down the field of candidates than they do in selecting presidents. Look to N.H. to be a battleground. It has voted for the general election winner as far back as I can remember.

Why is it that candidates have been spending more than twice as much money in Iowa as in New Hampshire this year?

As much as I hate to admit it, the reason is that Iowa is where the action is. Poll numbers suggest a dogfight for first place there between Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt. Third and fourth place could be up for grabs.

Even though Sen. John Kerry is now talking about finishing in the top two in New Hampshire, is it probable that he is cratering and could finish third or even fourth?

I will say it here: John Kerry could finish third in New Hampshire, but I see that as highly unlikely right now. The battle for third place in N.H. recently has been a contest between John Edwards and Wesley Clark. During this period there has been a lot of inside-baseball fighting between the two, but now both Edwards and Clark are looking at Kerry sink and wondering if they can grab second. Look for some shot at Kerry in Tuesday night's debate from New Hampshire.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Post staff writers James Grimaldi, Karlyn Barker and D'Vera Cohn discuss their investigative series on problems at the National Zoo.

12:45 P.M.: National Zoo General Curator William Xanten will discuss the Post investigative series.



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